

Self Help

## Staff Wellbeing Access Program

## SIMPLE PERSONAL RULES:

- 1. This is not a perfect world. Families and friends have their failings. Perfection is rarely attained, so be satisfied with less.
- 2. Tolerance makes understanding the other person easier. It sets an attainable standard.
- 3. Do not be a slave to the clock. Work at your own pace. Do as much as you can. Trying to meet too many deadlines only creates tension.
- 4. You cannot please everybody, so stop trying. Popularity comes by giving your friends and family a chance to love you for yourself, not for your best performance.
- 5. Be efficient, yes, but not the extent that perfection becomes a burden.
- 6. Speak up if you want to. You cannot please everybody, and honesty and directness break down barriers and make friendships easier.
- 7. Approve of yourself. You are as good as the next fellow.
- 8. Stop being so critical of your negative feelings. Everyone is ambivalent at times, so do not worry so much about loving and hating.
- 9. Stop feeling so guilty. We are all human beings, and we all make errors. Give a little and you will get a lot maybe even a reduction of the pain in your head.
- 10. Take it easy. It is not a disaster if you forget someone's name, burn the dinner or don't have time to mow the lawn. Talk more slowly. Walk more slowly. You have plenty of time.
- 11. Think positively. You can handle a problem as well as the next person. All the people you meet in the street or around a conference table have their problems too.
- 12. Spread out your workload through the day. Give yourself enough time for each task.
- 13. Remain calm, don't bottle up your feelings and share your worries with another.
- 14. Eat regular healthy meals and don't hurry them.
- 15. Limit yourself to five cups of tea or coffee each day.
- 16. Cut out smoking or reduce it to less than 10 cigarettes per day.
- 17. Learn to recognise any tendency to over breathe.



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